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In re the Application of: **YOSHIMURA, et al.**

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For: **RARE EARTH METAL-BASED PERMANENT MAGNET, AND  
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME**

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**DATED NOVEMBER 14, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Date: December 4, 2003

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **November 14, 2003**.

In response to the restriction requirement dated November 14, 2003, and as the Examiner was advised in a telephone call, Claims 13-16 were cancelled in the Utility Patent Transmittal Letter filed with this divisional application on February 11, 2002.

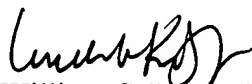
Thus, only Claims 1-12 and 17-20 are present in this application for prosecution.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please  
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